

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 5. Accordingly, claim 5 has been cancelled. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 1, in view of the cancellation of claim 5. No new matter has been added, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-4 and 6-20 will be pending.

In Paragraph No. 2 of the Action, claims 1-4 and 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Komori et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,602,564 B1) .

In Paragraph No. 3 of the Action, claims 5-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. These claims are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

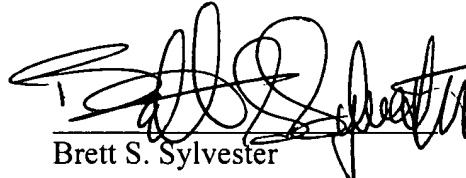
As noted above, claim 5 has been incorporated into claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 as amended is believed to be allowable. Claims 2-4 and 6-20 are believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependency on claim 1, directly or indirectly.

Allowance is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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